

Specter, Domenici, Bond, McConnell, Burns, Shelby, Gregg, Bennett, Craig, Hutchison, DeWine, Brownback, Allard, Byrd, Inouye, Leahy, Harkin, Mikulski, Reid, Kohl, Murray, Dorgan, Feinstein, Durbin, Johnson, and Landrieu. **Page S4094**

State Mediation Program Reauthorization: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of S. 643, to amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 to reauthorize State mediation programs, and the bill was then passed. **Page S4138**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 98 yeas 2 nays (Vote No. 107), John D. Negroponte, of New York, to be Director of National Intelligence. **Pages S4052–74, S4084**

Lieutenant General Michael V. Hayden, United States Air Force, to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

A routine list in the Navy.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—109) **Pages S4084, S4086, S4093–94**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 5:58 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, April 22, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4138.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: OMB

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, The Judiciary, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for the respective activities of Joshua B. Bolten, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

METHAMPHETAMINE ABUSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine methamphetamine abuse, focusing on behavioral and health effects of the drug, and prevention and treatment strategies, after receiving testimony from Charles G. Curie, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and Nora D. Volkow, Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Vicki Sickels, Iowa Lutheran Hospital, Des Moines; and Richard E. Steinberg, WestCare Foundation, Inc., Sylva, North Carolina.

Nominations:

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Lieutenant General Michael V. Hayden, United States Air Force, for appointment to the grade of general.

Prior to this action, committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kenneth J. Krieg, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, who was introduced by Senator Sununu; and Lieutenant General Michael V. Hayden (listed above), who was introduced by Senators Roberts and Collins, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DOD HEALTH CARE COSTS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine present and future costs of Department of Defense health care, and national health care trends in the civilian sector, after receiving testimony from Senator Coburn; David S.C. Chu, Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, and William Winkenwerder, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, both of the Department of Defense; David Blumenthal, Massachusetts General Hospital Institute for Health Policy, and Harvard Medical School, Boston; Robert S. Galvin,

General Electric Company, Stamford, Connecticut; and Susan D. Hosek, Rand Corporation, Santa Monica, California.

HOUSING GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED ENTERPRISES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine proposals to improve the regulation of Housing Government-Sponsored Enterprises, focusing on proposed policies to improve the balance of federal costs and benefits from the operations of Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and the Federal Home Loan Banks, after receiving testimony from Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, Congressional Budget Office; David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; Armando Falcon, Jr., Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and Ronald A. Rosenfeld, Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board.

HUD: BUDGET

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, after receiving testimony from Alphonso Jackson, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

BUDGET PROCESS REFORM

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine structural deficits and federal budget process reform, focusing on the United States economy, procedural restraints on budget-making mechanisms, the aging U.S. population, and medical care costs, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

AMTRAK REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine concluded a hearing to examine the proposed reauthorization of Amtrak, focusing on intercity passenger rail service reform, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey A. Rosen, General Counsel, and Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation; and David M. Laney and David L. Gunn, both of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak).

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Robert J. Portman, of Ohio, to be United States Trade Representative,

with the rank of Ambassador, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators DeWine, Voinovich, and Bunning, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

DEVELOPMENT BANK ANTI-CORRUPTION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine anti-corruption strategies of the African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank and European Bank on Reconstruction and Development, focusing on corporate culture and environment that features enhanced corporate governance, internal controls and compliance that promotes good governance in its countries of operation, after receiving testimony from Paul W. Speltz, Asian Development Bank, Manila, Philippines; Mark Sullivan, III, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, London, United Kingdom; Hemantha Withanage, Center for Environmental Justice, and Sri Lankan Working Group on Trade and International Financial Institutions, Colombo, Sri Lanka; and Ted Devine, Government Accountability Project, Washington, D.C.

FEDERAL WORKFORCE FLEXIBILITIES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded an oversight hearing to examine governmentwide workforce flexibilities available to federal agencies including the implementation, use by agencies, and training and education related to using the new flexibilities, after receiving testimony from Marta Brito Perez, Associate Director for Human Capital Leadership and Merit System Accountability, Office of Personnel Management; Eileen R. Larence, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; Jeffery K. Nulf, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Administration; Evelyn M. White, Acting Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Administration and Management; Rafael DeLeon, Director, Office of Human Resources, Environmental Protection Agency; and Vicki A. Novak, Assistant Administrator for Human Capital Management and Chief Human Capital Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

PRESIDENT'S MANAGEMENT AGENDA

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine the President's Management Agenda, including Federal financial performance, best practices, and program accountability, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United

States, Government Accountability Office; and Clay Johnson, III, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

EARLY EDUCATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: On Wednesday, April 20, 2005, Subcommittee on Education and Early Childhood Development held a hearing to examine the Federal role to improve the effectiveness and coordination of early childhood education programs, including the Head Start program, the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF), and increasing food security and reducing hunger, receiving testimony from Wade F. Horn, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Children and Families; Raymond Simon, Assistant Secretary of Education for Elementary and Secondary Education; and Kate Coler, Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH FAIRNESS ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine easing costs and expanding access relating to small businesses and health insurance, focusing on S. 406, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974 to improve access and choice for entrepreneurs with small businesses with respect to medical care for their employees, after receiving testimony from Sandy Praeger, Commissioner of Insurance, Topeka, Kansas, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; Mitchell

Blake, Ward & Blake Architects, Jackson, Wyoming, on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business; Joseph E. Rossmann, Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc., Arlington, Virginia, on behalf of the Association Health Plan Coalition; Karen Ignagni, America's Health Insurance Plans, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 378, to make it a criminal act to willfully use a weapon with the intent to cause death or serious bodily injury to any person while on board a passenger vessel, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 629, to amend chapter 97 of title 18, United States Code, relating to protecting against attacks on railroads and other mass transportation systems, with an amendment;

S. 339, to reaffirm the authority of States to regulate certain hunting and fishing activities; and

The nominations of Priscilla Richman Owen, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, and Janice R. Brown, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 64 public bills, H.R. 1748–1811; and; 11 resolutions, H.J. Res. 43; H. Con. Res. 137–138, and H. Res. 224–231 were introduced. **Pages H2469–72**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2472–74**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 741, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for judicial deference to conclusions of law determined by the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission with respect to an order issued by the Commission, amended (H. Rept. 109–50);

H.R. 748, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent the transportation of minors in circumvention of certain laws relating to abortion, amended (H. Rept. 109–51);

H. Res. 22, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that American small businesses are entitled to a Small Business Bill of Rights, amended (H. Rept. 109–52). **Page H2469**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Miller of Michigan to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H2397**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Bishop Vicken Aykazian, The Armenian Catholic Church of America in Washington D.C. **Page H2397**